

NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT[561]

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Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 483A.24 and 456A.24, the Department of Natural Resources adopts amendments to Chapter 12, “Special Nonresident Deer and Turkey Licenses,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These rules clarify the processes used to select recipients of special nonresident deer and wild turkey licenses and establish application deadlines and applicant restrictions. These amendments improve benefits to the state under this chapter.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 10, 2010, as **ARC 8595B**. Comments were accepted through March 30, 2010. The Department received five comments, two in support of the amendments and three suggesting changes.

One suggested change that has been incorporated into the definition of “conservation organization” in rule 561—12.2(483A) clarifies that a person who purchases a special deer license from a conservation organization is not restricted from obtaining a special deer license in the following year. The definition now reads as follows:

“‘*Conservation organization*’ means an organization that is licensed and managed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 504, the revised Iowa nonprofit corporation Act, and whose mission emphasizes natural resource conservation or supports science-based natural resource management. A local or state chapter or division of a national or international conservation organization shall qualify as a conservation organization. A person who purchases a deer license from a conservation organization under these rules is not subject to the restriction provided in 12.5(1)‘b.’”

A second change that has been incorporated into subrule 12.5(1) as new paragraph “c” allows persons receiving these special licenses to retain preference points for nonresident deer licenses that were purchased as a result of applying through the regular nonresident application process. New paragraph “c” reads as follows:

“c. Hunters awarded a deer license under this rule may purchase preference points for the regular nonresident deer license and shall not lose those preference points when awarded a deer license under this rule.”

A suggestion that would have allowed exceptions to the “every other year” restriction for those hunters not buying special licenses from conservation organizations was not incorporated into this rule making. The Department specifically seeks to avoid allowing the same person to receive special licenses year after year, except when purchased from a conservation organization, and has instead opted to give other applicants a better opportunity to obtain special licenses.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 483A.24.

These amendments shall become effective June 23, 2010.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [12.2, 12.3, 12.5 to 12.8] is being omitted. With the exception of the changes noted above, these amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8595B**, IAB 3/10/10.

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